

Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday in Easter

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"Menuet Finale"

G.F. Handel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

ELW 377

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

"In peace, in peace"

ELW 157

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

L: A reading from Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.



Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on
earth. R**

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

L: A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. ^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kelsie

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW 631

MISSIONAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

Honoring our Frontline Healthcare Workers

APOSTLE'S CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace.

Response to each petition: AM: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

AM: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

ELW 403

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INFORMATION

For online giving: <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving>

Mailing Address: Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155

OFFERING PRAYER


AM: Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you." The second staff is for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We".

Presider:



lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.


PREFACE

Sung by the pastor


SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"


ELW 191




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and




might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

P: You are indeed holy ... we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats

Congregation:

A - men, Come_ Lord Je - sus; A -

men, Come ___ Lord Je - sus. _____

P: Send now, we pray ... and your whole creation.

Pastor sings first then congregation repeats.

Congregation:

A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. _____

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, _____ in the

u - ni - ty_ of the Spir - it _____ all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for - ev - er, _____

A - - - men. _____

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

ELW 195

COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

"When Peace, like a River"

ELW 785

TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

ELW 763

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

RADIO BROADCAST this morning is given in memory of
Becky Vogel's birthday by Karen Vogel.

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MUSICIANS TODAY: Heavenly Ringers Handbell Choir; Cantors: Bell Ringers; Chris Teague, guitar

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, May 22, 2022: Preaching: Pastor Kelsie; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Melissa Barbre; **Communion Assistants:** Elaine Giesber, Elizabeth Jandt, Bill Salt, Emily Prochnow; **Acolyte:** Cason Ullrich; **Reader:** Cathy Anderson; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **AV/Tech:** Deanna Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Sarah Kennedy; **Hospitality:** Deborah Almquist, Gerry Harrison, Carolyn Blumberg

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, May 29, 2022: Preaching: Pastor John; **Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Marsha Schroeder; **Communion Assistants:** Deb Haug, Meilissa Barbre, Keith Vinyard, Fran Vinyard; **Acolytes:** Haley Benavides; **Reader:** Carolyn Blumberg; **Ushers:** Tim Troell, Joe Kane, Deborah Almquist, Bev Seidenschwarz; **Altar Guild:** Cathy Anderson, Elizabeth Jandt; **AV/Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Allan Bode; **Hospitality:** Bev Seidenschwarz, Walt Seidenschwarz

SING IN THE SUMMER CHOIR! The Summer Singers are taking over as the Jubilation Singers go on holiday. Beginning June 12th, join us in the sanctuary by the piano at 10am on Sunday mornings for rehearsal. Summer is a great, informal time to try something new. Please try us! Questions? Reach out to the Director of Music Tom Engler at Thomas@elcseguin.org or catch him after worship.

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: Masks are encouraged but no longer required on the church campus. Masks are strongly encouraged, regardless of vaccination status, but no longer required while participating in campus events. Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Ignite! KIDS (First Floor): Gather in the IGNITE! KIDS room in the 1st Floor Green Classroom at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings for song and Bible stories. Age groups will transition to different rooms following the gathering time then return to families in worship for Communion. Let PK know if you can be added to the teaching rotation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK: May is the last month of Sunday School as we enter into summer. We will relaunch with a new format in the Fall featuring new ways of learning about the Bible including art, music, cooking, and science! Keep an eye out for more information. If this has piqued your interest, contact PK about how you can become more involved in our students' faith formation on Sunday mornings!

The Heritage Class (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Spring study is *God Frees and Redeems*. 9:15 a.m.

Pastor Marcus' Class (Family Life Center): "A Study of Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the Theology that Created Change." 9:00 a.m. Please bring your Small Catechism.

Joy Class (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. *Let your word be "Yes," "Yes," or "No," "No."* (Matthew 5:37) We live in an era of "truthiness" and "fake news," and "alternative facts." Can it be enough to let our word be "yes," "yes," or "no," "no?" How do we live as a people of Truth in a time of spin? Read vol 2, issue 18 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a narthex copy.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Emanuel's hosts a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues. Meeting next at 10am in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, May 28th**. Contact: Rev. John at 830-305-5658 or Faye at 830-305-8851.

GRADUATE SUNDAY: We will be honoring our graduates on **May 29th**. Keep an eye out for cards and giving trees for our four high school graduates, our college graduate, and graduate student. Join us at the potluck lunch following worship as we celebrate these amazing young people.

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **May 29th** for an all-church potluck lunch right after worship. Please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share. Looking forward to a delicious meal, great camaraderie, and time to celebrate our graduates. Check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for help after the meal. The goal is to "Go Green" and not use disposable plates and utensils.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office or sign up on the calendar in the office. Thanks to all who participate in this memorable ministry.

SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING: When the national youth gathering was canceled, youth workers from our synod banded together to create a national gathering-like experience for our youth on the same dates, **July 24-29, 2022**, in Houston! We will be traveling to Houston where we will be involved with service, worship, learning, fellowship, and FUN! Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire, TX will be our home base. Youth who have completed 8th grade through 12th grade are invited to register [here](#) using the discount code ELC22.

SUMMER CAMP WITH CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY: We've got youth attending camp during two different weeks this summer, **June 19-29** and **June 26-July 1**, with PM at camp the second week. There are still spots available in most programs. If your youth is interested in attending camp, please contact PK ASAP to get registered.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We're partnering with Spirit of Joy and First Presbyterian again this year to put on VBS **June 13-16** from 5:30 -7:30 pm. VBS includes dinner and is fun for the whole family! Registration forms are in the office. Parents of children who have not yet completed Kinder will be required to attend. Deadline for registration is Monday, June 6th.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help in the kitchen cooking, serving, and cleaning up after dinner, to help teach arts and crafts and games, to help with the family group, to help with check-in and out, and volunteers to help during transition times. Chat with PK to sign up to volunteer!

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

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